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## Arts on the Block, Montgomery Youth Works



**open by appointment**  
**8403 Colesville Road**  
**240.283.1526**

**[www.montgomeryyouthworks.com](http://www.montgomeryyouthworks.com)**  
**[igoldstein@montgomeryyouthworks.com](mailto:igoldstein@montgomeryyouthworks.com)**



The Arts on the Block offerings change from season to season. You might find their apprentice artists reading poetry at Mayorga or painting a mural on a downtown wall, or you might stumble upon their artwork at a local gallery or storefront window.

Arts on the Block offers on-the-job training experience for high school-aged youth in Montgomery County by using the arts as a vehicle to teach young people about the world of work. The high schoolers get to learn about and connect through the arts, while the community experiences first-hand the contributions of homegrown talent to the vitality of its urban centers.

Area businesses can take advantage of their "turn your logo into a work of art" project. For a commission, the high school artists will produce a unique piece of art using a company's logo.

## Create Arts Center



**816 Thayer Ave**  
**301.588.2787**  
**[www.createartscenter.org](http://www.createartscenter.org)**  
**[createarts@verizon.net](mailto:createarts@verizon.net)**

Looking for a great place for your kids to flex their creative muscles? Create Arts Center loves to inspire the four magical words "Look what I made!" from children every day. They believe that children of all ages have the unique ability to express themselves through art and creativity.

Create offers arts classes, arts camps, and arts parties to children aged two to sixteen and arts classes and arts therapy programs for adults of all ages. Creating joy and excitement in the process of making art is an integral component in the classes. It makes for a positive experience for each child and adult and ensures that their love of the arts will grow to make the arts part of their lives.



## **Creative Adventures, Inc.**



**15100 Watergate Road  
301.388.0847  
www.artinyou.com**

Creative Adventures believes that people of all ages have the capacity to be creative. Each of us has an incredible amount of creative energy and ideas, just waiting to be discovered. There is an artist in you!

Creative Adventures, Inc. offers after-school art programs in Montgomery County schools featuring the use and interpretation of art. They also offer multi-faceted summer art camps for children ages six to twelve. The art camps provide a mix of visual, musical and dramatic arts and always conclude with a children's art show for families and the community. Creative Adventures, Inc. aims to be a profound force in the surrounding community through collective artistic expression.



## **Culkin School of Irish Dance**



**2010 Evans Parkway  
301.593.9600  
www.culkinschool.com**

The next generation of Riverdance is likely to come from The Culkin School of Traditional Irish Music and Dance. In fact, a former Culkin student is a member of Riverdance's North American Touring Group. Currently enrolling over 400 students, the Culkin School works to preserve the unique tradition of Irish music and dance and to pass it on to new generations of dancers. A secondary goal of the school is to share Irish music and dance with the Baltimore and Washington, DC area by participating in a variety of local events and performances.

Sean Culkin began his teaching career with a few adult evening classes. While most of the students are now children, Sean and his fellow teachers continue to have a strong commitment to adult Irish dancers. The Culkin School offers several classes for children and adult dancers. The classes are designed to prepare students to successfully compete, but the decision to compete is entirely up to the dancer. While many students compete and perform, there are also students who take classes for fun, exercise, and the love of Irish music and dance. Classes are a combination of step and figure dancing.

## **Isadora's Legacy:**

**The Center for the Preservation of Modern Dance**



**open by appointment**  
**301.588.1581**  
**hoffdance@aol.com**

Isadora Duncan, "the Mother of Modern Dance," is the inspiration for the Center for the Preservation of Modern Dance. Its primary purpose is to preserve the works of Isadora Duncan and other early modern dancers by recreating their work and techniques on a series of videotape recordings.

Workshops presented for adults and children. Performances are given several times during the year at the Isadora's Legacy Studio. The Silver Spring studio is open by appointment only.

Performances are available for cultural events, community festivals, schools, colleges, and private organizational functions.



## **Jazz Academy of Music**



**13721 Middlevale Lane**  
**301.871.8418**  
**jazzacademy.org**  
**kcarr@jazzacademy.org**

During the summer months there is a JAM session everyday at Sligo Middle School. The sound of jazz greats like Louis Armstrong and

Thelonious Monk can be heard throughout the halls. The Summer Jazz Academy of Music is just one of the educational experiences for musically talented youth offered by the Jazz Academy of Music. Students are taught music history as well as music technique. Instilling a love of Jazz Music, the Academy also works on the precept that youth need to be taught the disciplines of music or other art forms in order to advance and enhance their artistic and intellectual capabilities.





## **Luis Garay Percussion Studio**



**1604 Gridley Lane  
301.649.5217  
www.luisgaray.com  
percussion@luisgaray.com**

Drums, xylophones, and marimbas as far as the eye can see. If you have ever wanted to play the drums or even just the tambourine, the Luis Garay Percussion Studio is for you. Classes in this percussion studio focus on classical, jazz, and Afro-Latin multi-percussion. During his 30 year career, Luis Garay has accompanied numerous top artists and has been a performer, instructor, adjudicator, clinician, director, founder, composer, and conductor of timpani and percussion for symphony orchestras, bands, and jazz ensembles. He has received prestigious awards such as recognition by the U.S. Government as an "Artist of Exceptional Ability." He performed for Pope John Paul II in the Vatican. He also received the gold medal from the International Rotary Club, the team leadership award of the Group Study Exchange Program, and a fellowship from Amalia Lacroze de Fortabat.

## **Merv Conn Accordion School**



**1015 Noyes Drive  
301.565.2054**

Experience the gentle tenor and complex counter melodies of Merv Conn, the strolling, singing accordionist.

With a resume of 70 years experience playing for the likes of President Truman and the Washington Senators baseball team, Conn is an accomplished performer, composer, and teacher. The Merv Conn Music School continues to teach small groups of aspiring accordion players. At the height of its glory, the Merv Conn School had over 300 students, including private tutelage for President Nixon's daughters, Tricia and Julie.

Interested in taking classes?

The squeezebox might be a rare instrument, (Merv Conn owns over 50 different models) but Merv Conn is still in high demand around the area as a strolling, one-man band.



## Montgomery College



**7600 Takoma Avenue  
301.650.1387**

**[www.montgomerycollege.edu](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu)  
[perry.schwartz@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:perry.schwartz@montgomerycollege.edu)**

On the College's immediate horizon is one major project — an expansion of the Takoma Park/ Silver Spring Campus that will extend into South Silver Spring, along the Georgia Avenue corridor. Included in the expansion will be the Cultural Arts Center containing two performance spaces. The 500-seat music and dance theatre, with a state of the art stage and acoustics, will be used primarily as a rental space/booking house by organizations outside the College. The 100-seat theatre will be used by the Communications and Performing Arts Department for performances and as a classroom for speech, theatre, film, and dance classes. In addition, regional theatre groups and community organizations will use the theatre.

You don't have to wait, however. The arts are alive at the existing Takoma Park/ Silver Spring Campus. The Department of Visual, Performing, and Communication Arts at Montgomery College offers visual art, film, theatre, dance, and music classes as well as American Film Institute workshops. Tucked away in the College is a fabulous black box theatre that offers productions in November and April featuring student and community actors.

### ***The Arts Alive Series at the Black Box***

This series gets you up close and personal with fabulous performers: from storytellers to dancers. The 100-seat theatre guarantees a great seat for everyone. The performances are varied and intimate. Saturdays, October-May. Call 301.588.4475 for tickets.

## Pyramid Atlantic



**8230 Georgia Avenue  
301.608.9101**

**[www.pyramidatlanticartcenter.org](http://www.pyramidatlanticartcenter.org)  
[info@pyramid-atlantic.org](mailto:info@pyramid-atlantic.org)**

Pyramid Atlantic is a visual arts center for hand papermaking, printmaking, bookmaking, and digital arts. With over 12,000 feet of studio space, Pyramid features classes for adults, collaborative projects with schools and the community, international artist residencies, a print archive, gallery exhibits, and educational events including lectures and open houses.

Stop by for the monthly Gateway Silver Spring Progressive ArtWalk, exhibit openings, occasional Friday lectures, classes, workshops, and open houses to see how paper, prints, and books are created. View and shop for unique hand-bound books, hand-pulled prints, elegant sheets of paper, and even placemats made by local and international artists.

Special arrangements can be made to rent meeting rooms, classrooms, and reception spaces for your organization during evening and weekend hours. Enjoy learning about the visual arts while networking with friends or holding a special event. Exhibitions of Maryland artists' works are available for corporate headquarters, restaurants, or storefronts.



## Round House Theatre Education Center



**925 Wayne Avenue  
301.585.1225**

**[www.roundhousetheatre.org](http://www.roundhousetheatre.org)**

For more than 35 years, Round House Theatre has offered some of the most popular and celebrated arts education and outreach programs in Montgomery County. From touring productions to year-round classes to partnerships with local schools, Round House Theatre is committed to bringing a myriad of theatrical experiences to our community. Extensive apprenticeship and internship programs, mentoring activities, and classes and programs for all ages are available.

Round House education and outreach programs provide year-round opportunities for preschoolers to senior citizens, ages 3 to 103, to experience theatre and the magic of the arts.

The summer camp programs have age specific day programs for grades 1-12, ranging from one week sessions to four week sessions. Act Your Age, Let's Share Shakespeare, and the High School Theatre Institute are but a few. All day programs run from 9-3pm. Summer versions of The Actor's Craft for adults take place in the evenings, for a five week session. The school year brings weekend and after-school classes for kids ranging from scene stealing to plot twisting. Family programs like making a marionette are also offered, as well as workshops for adults.

## School of Art and Design at Montgomery College



**10500 Georgia Avenue  
301.649.4454**

**[www.montgomerycollege.edu/schoolofartanddesign/](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/schoolofartanddesign/)  
[www.mcadmd.org](http://www.mcadmd.org)**

Have your past artistic efforts been limited to paint by numbers? Try taking a class at the School of Art and Design at Montgomery College. They have the basics like drawing as well as the newest trends in computer graphic design. For the truly committed, the School of Art and Design at Montgomery College awards an Associate of Fine Arts degree through an intensive, structured, and sequential program of studio arts and general education. For the dabbler, the College assists you in the development of your artistic ability at your individual level of aesthetic understanding and technical skill. The School of Art and Design at Montgomery College stresses a lifetime commitment to developing the gift of creativity and sharing that gift with others.

For the younger crowd, the School of Art and Design at Montgomery College offers a Summer Art Program for youth ages 6-16. The goal of MC's Summer Art Program is to provide an encouraging, educational environment for learning about art, a place where the students can experience the process of creating art, and an opportunity for students to learn about themselves.

**Tappers With Attitude, Inc.**  
**Knock On Wood Tap Studio**



**8700 Georgia Avenue  
Suite B  
301.495.0395  
[www.knockonwood.org](http://www.knockonwood.org)  
[knockonwoodtap@aol.com](mailto:knockonwoodtap@aol.com)**

Put on those black patent leather shoes and tap! Tappers With Attitude, Inc. is a performing arts organization whose mission is to preserve and promote the uniquely American art of tap dance, with an emphasis on the jazz and rhythm tap traditions.

Knock On Wood Tap Studio is a center for tap dance serving a diverse student body and offering classes (Fall, Spring, and Summer), master classes and workshops, and monthly Open Mike Nights at all levels for all age groups. Knock on Wood is comprised of three tap studios with state of the art sprung maple floors. It remains one of only a few facilities in the United States providing students with tap dance instruction and educating them in the history of the art form.

The studio is home to two nationally-known repertoire companies: Tappers With Attitude Youth Ensemble and Step Aside Tap Company. Both strive to provide training and performance opportunities in tap dance for youth and adults and to serve as repertory companies for established and emerging tap choreographers. The companies perform throughout both the DC Metro area and nationally.

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## Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County

## Class Acts Arts, Inc.



**801 Ellsworth Drive**  
**301.565.3805**  
**www.creativemoco.com**  
**info@creativemoco.com**

If you want to know about the arts and humanities in Silver Spring (or anywhere else in Montgomery County), log onto [www.creativemoco.com](http://www.creativemoco.com). The site features in-depth information on arts and humanities organizations and destinations as well as a calendar of events and funding opportunities for individual artists and organizations. The Arts and Humanities Council acts as both a resource and an advocate for the arts and humanities in Silver Spring and throughout the County.



When your children have an outstanding cultural arts assembly at school, chances are the performers came from Class Acts. This organization exists to enrich the lives of children, youth, and families with culturally diverse and educational performances. Last year Class Acts facilitated more than 2,500 performances and workshops in the Metro area, reaching an audience of nearly 450,000.



**8100 Georgia Avenue**  
**301.588.7525**  
**tickets - 301.588.4475**  
**www.classactsarts.org**  
**info.classacts@verizon.net**

### ***The Kaleidoscope Family Series***

Don't miss out! This popular performance series is the talk of the town, featuring award-winning international touring artists, both locally based and traveling through. A monthly series of one-hour shows for children and families on Saturday afternoons, October through March, at the NOAA Auditorium. Admission is charged.

### ***Jump Start with the Arts***

A remarkable offering of multi-cultural music, dance, theater, puppetry, and storytelling performances for 3-6 year olds. The Jump Start series is intended to instill a love and appreciation of the arts to last a lifetime. Presented on Wednesday mornings, every other month, January through June, at the Silver Spring Nursery School. Admission is charged.

## **Musical Arts International, Inc.**



**2603 Henderson Avenue  
301.933.3715  
[www.geocities.com/musicartintl/  
changlily05@yahoo.com](http://www.geocities.com/musicartintl/changlily05@yahoo.com)**

Ever felt that you could do with a bit more variety in the music that you listen to? Musical Arts International encourages audiences of all ages to appreciate chamber music and jazz, to uncover the tremendous wealth and variety of music in its repertoire, and to advance cultural growth with artistic presentations of music of all styles.

Performances in Silver Spring take place at the Calvary Lutheran Church (9545 Georgia Avenue) and in Rockville, various Saturday nights at 8:00 pm. Admission is charged.



## **National Council for the Traditional Arts**



**1320 Fenwick Lane, Suite 200  
301.565.0654  
[www.ncta.net](http://www.ncta.net)  
[info@ncta.net](mailto:info@ncta.net)**

Protecting the traditional performance arts, ethnic music, and crafts, the NCTA has over a half-century of experience in producing festivals within diverse communities. Every three years the NCTA joins forces with a new set of local organizations to form the partnerships needed to make the National Folk Festival successful in a new location. The NCTA is the organizing partner that coordinates programming on many aspects of the overall festival.



## Silver Spring Camera Club



**Various locations**  
**301.929.1350**  
**mlux@erols.com**

Members of the Silver Spring Camera Club meet twice monthly in the Silver Spring area to share their knowledge and interest in photography. People of all ages and levels of photographic skill are invited to join and to participate in various workshops, competitions, mentoring programs, and field trips. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month from September through May. Professional guest photographers highlight the evening activities offering instruction and insight on virtually every aspect of photography.

Competitions in slides and in both monochrome and color prints are held monthly for those choosing to participate, with the professional guest acting as judge. Competitions are open to all members and are conducted at both novice and advanced levels to assure fairness.

Workshops in digital, slide, and print photography are also held for members to help less experienced photographers develop their skills. Workshops are conducted by advanced and professional members of the club who open their darkrooms and studios for small group instruction.



## Silver Spring Historical Society



**P.O. Box 1160**  
**301.565.2519**  
**www.sshistory.org**  
**sshistory@yahoo.com**

Why don't you take the kids to learn about their hometown by joining one of the walking tours of Downtown Silver Spring? The first Saturday of each month, April through November, the Silver Spring Historical Society offers a glimpse into Silver Spring's surprising past. Visit the website, call or watch local newspaper listings for tour information.

Besides fascinating tours of Silver Spring, the Silver Spring Historical Society promotes awareness and appreciation of our heritage through sponsorship of various educational activities and leads efforts to preserve and promote historical sites, structures, artifacts, and archives. Currently, they are seeking old photographs and memorabilia of Silver Spring to use in "Historic Silver Spring" (to be published in 2006). So dig through the attic and contact SSHS President Jerry A. McCoy with your treasures.



## Silver Spring Media Arts, Inc.



**open by appointment**  
**801 Wayne Avenue**  
**301.585.2800**  
**[www.silverspringfilm.org](http://www.silverspringfilm.org)**  
**[finalcutoff@aol.com](mailto:finalcutoff@aol.com)**

Silver Spring Media Arts is a non-profit television and video production company specializing in arts, history, and popular culture programming. Silver Spring Media Arts is particularly focused on television programming of local interest. Many of their projects are built on partnerships with like-minded organizations in the community, particularly non-profits.

### ***Silver Spring: Story of an American Suburb***

"Silver Spring: Story of an American Suburb" is an emotional and nostalgic journey through the community's 160-year history. This 90-minute documentary is available for screening by civic and community groups. A home video version is for sale.

### ***Next Stop: Silver Spring***

Silver Spring Media Arts is currently producing a documentary on the history and renovation of Silver Spring's 1945 B&O Railroad Station. They are seeking sponsors for the program's broadcast on local PBS television as well as anyone with archival materials or stories about the B&O station.

### ***"Heart & Soul" & Other Broadway-Related Projects***

Also in production is a documentary for American Public Television about Frank Loesser, composer of "Guys & Dolls," "How to Succeed in Business," and several other Broadway shows and film scores. A mini-series of profiles of lesser-known but important Broadway songwriters will follow.

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## BOOKS



## **Borders Books & Music**



**8518 Fenton Street**  
**301.585.0550**  
**[www.borderstores.com](http://www.borderstores.com)**

Reanimate your brain poring through shelf upon shelf of great books, music, movies, and magazines (in all languages) or chill with an iced latte. Reserve a front seat for some of the area's best free entertainment: celebrated authors, distinguished musicians, illustrious illustrators, revered chefs, honored poets, and an occasional pontificating politician. Borders positively bursts at the seams with a cacophony of eclectic sights and sounds.

Hours for the store are Monday-Thursday: 10am –10pm;  
Friday: 10am-11pm; and Saturday-Sunday: 10am-9pm

## **Friends of the Silver Spring Library**



**8901 Colesville Road**  
**240.773.9420**

When was the last time you went to the library? The books are in stock, there are no shipping charges, and best of all...they're free! The library is also a good place to find family events, use the Internet, rent videos. The Friends of the Silver Spring Library share your enthusiasm for the benefits of regular visits. The Friends is a group of volunteers that exists to strengthen, promote, support, and advocate for the library and to ensure that it meets the needs of the community.

The Silver Spring Chapter of the Friends of the Library sponsors a Speaker Series featuring local writers and speakers, many of whom are Pulitzer Prize Winners. The Friends began a monthly book discussion group which is led by library staff, restored the historic Old Tavern mural, publishes the "Vintage Silver Spring" calendar each year, and distributes Spanish and English books to parents of young children.

## Silver Spring Books



**938 Bonifant Street  
301. 587.7484**

Stepping into a used bookstore is a magical experience for people who love books. The used bookstore patron eagerly anticipates the aroma of old pages and the hidden treasures waiting to be found for a steal. The three owners of Silver Spring Books share retail space, which means there are three diverse collections of mysteries and science fiction to browse through. The shelves are crammed with paperbacks, and you can find an extensive collection of romance novels as well as best-sellers, how-to, sports, and history. The store hours are M-Sa 10:30-6:30pm (except Tuesday) and Sunday 10:30 -5:30pm.

## The Silver Spring Library



**8901 Colesville Road  
240.773.9420**

**[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library)**

Why buy when you can rent? The Silver Spring Library gives you free access to almost any book from library collections in Maryland and throughout the U.S. Although the smallest library in Montgomery County, services at Silver Spring include inter-library loan, internet access, and culturally diverse programs for all ages.

The Silver Spring Library has Book Clubs, African-American Film Circle Discussions, Author Speaker Series, Summer Reading programs, English and Spanish Conversation classes, and Cultural Arts performances by local and out-of-state artists.

Presently a new Silver Spring Library is in the works and is projected to open in 2010 at the corner of Fenton and Wayne. It will be approximately 34,000 square feet in size, more than two and a half times the size of the existing library.



888.870.8047

[www.acornonline.com](http://www.acornonline.com)

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The acorn might be the symbol of Silver Spring, but it is also a neat little catalog that offers unique gems for the artsy person in you. From hand-crafted stained glass panels to DVDs of British mysteries and other beloved programs, Acorn has imaginative gifts that you'll have trouble resisting. Acorn just happens to be headquartered in Silver Spring. While they don't have a storefront for you to visit, you can browse through their merchandise from the comfort of your couch.

## The Art Resource



**open by appointment**  
**902 Brantford**  
**Avenue**  
**301.622.2371**  
**[www.artresource.org](http://www.artresource.org)**  
**[llks@artresource.org](mailto:llks@artresource.org)**

The Art Resource is an art dealership and consulting firm. They have a stocked gallery and are a part of a network of collectors and dealers, linking buyers and sellers. The Art Resource places art in public and private spaces. They have provided artwork for corporations, hotels, airports, hospitals, and private collections.

The Art Resource is open by appointment only.



## Discovery Communications, Inc.

**One Discovery Place**  
**240.662.2000**  
**[www.discovery.com](http://www.discovery.com)**

Everybody in Silver Spring is talking about Discovery. Great television, great company, great new building, great to have all of those workers in Silver Spring. Here are the highlights for those of us who don't work for Discovery:

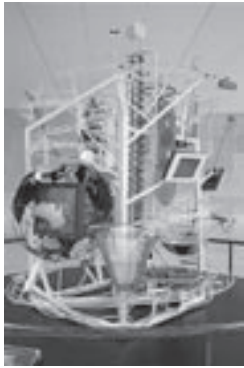


### ***Tyrannosaurus Rex - "Stan"***

What? A dinosaur? Yep, a dinosaur. Right in the lobby. The skeleton is one of the most famous dinosaurs that roamed America about 65 to 67 million years ago at the end of the Cretaceous period. He is named after Stan Sacrison, the man who discovered the T. Rex. Stan can be viewed clearly at any time outside the building. To get a closer look, the lobby is open Monday through Friday, 9-5pm.

Stan was about 40 feet long, the length of a school bus. He stood about 20 feet high (12 feet from the hips) and weighed a massive 5 to 7 tons. He was a fierce predator who walked on two hind legs, taking strides of 15 feet when walking slowly and up to 25 feet when running. T. Rex's massive jaws were about 5 feet long from the base of his skull bearing 58 bullet-shaped teeth. All the better to take over 100 pound bites at a time, consuming both meat and bone!

## Discovery Communications, Inc.



### ***“Eureka!” - George Rhoads’ Audio-Kinetic Sculpture***

George Rhoads is a multi-talented artist of international renown and the creator of this original work of art, fascinating in its constant motion. His sculptures are widely recognized as popular

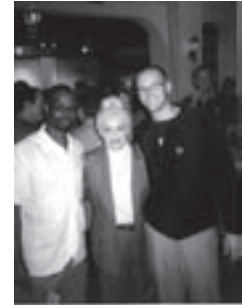
public artworks that incorporate technology while retaining their esthetic integrity. Eureka! was commissioned in 1999 by Discovery Networks and constructed at Rock Stream Studios in Ithaca, NY.

### ***A Brushstroke of Discovery***

Along Colesville Road is a 170-foot mural by artist Narcissus Quagliata. The artwork is a vibrant silkscreen on enamel overlaying steel.



## Gateway Georgia Avenue Revitalization Corporation



**8035 13th Street  
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**[david@gatewaycdc.com](mailto:david@gatewaycdc.com)**



Gateway supports the Arts and Entertainment District by acting as an intermediary between property owners/developers and artists/arts organizations. It provides arts programming for businesses and vacant spaces via their Fine Art and Progressive ArtWalks. Gateway also coordinates space for compatible arts entities in new developments in the Arts and Entertainment District via their database of artists and arts organizations. GGARC also manages the Heliport, a 3,100 square foot arts incubator with arts classes for the community, with an Outsider Art gallery.

**HARP Magazine**

**8737 Colesville Road,  
Ninth Floor  
866.427.7624  
www.harpmagazine.com  
cholt@harpmagazine.com**

*HARP* magazine was created in 2001 by Silver Spring resident and music lover Scott Crawford. No, it doesn't cover harps (folk, Irish, or classical), and it's not about harmonica music either.

*HARP* is a magazine about a wide range of new music—everything from roots-rock and Americana to jam bands and lots of indie pop and rock. It's been compared to the early *Rolling Stone*, and they hope to reach *RS*'s circulation figures some day...

People always assume that smart, hip magazines like *HARP* are produced in New York or LA. Nope. The magic (and magazine) is created right here in Silver Spring.

*HARP* sponsors some of rock's best festivals, including Bonnaroo, South by Southwest (SXSW), High Sierra Music Festival, Midwest Music Summit, and many more. Also check out the magazine for giveaways of great musical instruments in just about every issue.

**JazzTimes Magazine**

**8737 Colesville Road,  
Ninth Floor  
888.458.4637  
www.jazztimes.com  
cholt@jazztimes.com**



Who knew that an award-winning, internationally distributed jazz magazine was published right on Colesville Road? That's right, *JazzTimes* ("America's Jazz Magazine") has been published in the DC area since its inception in 1970 (and in Silver Spring since 1980). From straightforward to contemporary (and everything in-between), *JazzTimes* has something of interest for every kind of jazz fan. *JazzTimes* is a proud sponsor and supporter of the Silver Spring Jazz Festival, as well as 32 other jazz festivals throughout the nation and abroad. Check out their giveaways and contests (both in the magazine and on the website), featuring great prizes like musical instruments, trips to fabulous jazz festivals, and more.

## Lance Bailey Architects



**open by appointment**  
**7961 Eastern Avenue**  
**301.565.2283**

Viewing this exhibit of African sculpture is a rare glimpse into the passion of a private collector. Lance Bailey is an architect and the president of Lance Bailey and Associates, AIA. He was the principal architect in charge of the Community and Public Services Support Project in democratic South Africa; his focus was on housing development. During that time he was able to amass a collection of native works that is on display at his office in Silver Spring.

## The Photogroup



**1100 Blair Mill Road**  
**301.495.5800**

The Photogroup is the largest industrial photography studio between Manhattan and Miami. The Photogroup provides commercial photography for businesses across the country. The building houses several photographic studios. It is also the earliest pioneer in the South Silver Spring revitalization movement. Having opened in 1996, Photogroup redeveloped one of the abandoned quonset industrial structures in South Silver Spring with an award-winning architectural design that attracted the attention of the entire community and resulted in an article in *The Washington Post*. The Photogroup is in a state-of-the-art, high-tech facility at the corner of Georgia Avenue and Blair Mill Road.





## Plaza Art Supplies



**8209 Georgia Avenue**  
**301.587.5581**  
**[www.pla-za.com](http://www.pla-za.com)**

Paint, and canvas, and easels, oh my! Plaza Art offers a wide range of the finest art supplies, custom framing, gifts, artist furniture, and creative children's products. Throughout the year, Plaza Art holds different events where customers can take advantage of the frequent product demonstrations and classes ranging from oil painting to candle making and everything in between. They are open to the public and typically free of charge. Call the store for details or pick up a full schedule of workshops and classes.

## Potomac Talent



Eric Cathcart firmly believes "that Silver Spring and vicinity is home to some of the best musicians in the world." He chose the right profession, as owner of Potomac Talent, a Silver Spring based talent agency representing hundreds of bands and musicians of all styles of music including classical, world, jazz, blues, and R&B.

**301.587.6267**  
**800.669.9576**  
**[www.potomactalent.com](http://www.potomactalent.com)**  
**[Eric@PotomacTalent.com](mailto:Eric@PotomacTalent.com)**

As a musician-owned agency interested in the connection that music and art make, Potomac Talent supplies bands and musicians for Washington's lavish awards galas, wedding receptions, fundraisers, and corporate affairs. Potomac Talent was Silver Spring Small Business of the Year in 2002 and has been selected as *Washingtonian Magazine's* "Best Music Expert" five years in a row.

**Silver Spring Urban District****TV Talks, Inc.**

**8435 Georgia Avenue  
301.565.7300**

**[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/rsc/silspnrg/welcome.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/rsc/silspnrg/welcome.asp)  
[www.silversprung.com](http://www.silversprung.com)**

The Silver Spring Urban District, the “city government” of Silver Spring, organizes a number of the major events that you enjoy in Silver Spring, including the free summer concerts: Silver Spring Swings, Friday Street Stuff, Silver Spring Jazz Festival, Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade, and so much more.

The Silver Spring Urban District also spearheaded the efforts to have Silver Spring designated as an Arts and Entertainment District. The Arts and Entertainment District combines incentives to attract artists and entertainment venues to a concentrated area. As managers, the Silver Spring Urban District staff assist individual artists and arts organizations to obtain the tax benefits and financial assistance that is available through the District.



**2214 Ross Road  
301.503.0050**

“Hey! Aren’t you on television?” Rea Blakey gets that a lot. President and founder of TV TALKS, Inc., Rea Blakey is a multiple Emmy award-winning, on-camera personality. Her expertise includes national TV experience and extensive health reporting.

TV TALKS, Inc. is a multi-service communications and production company specializing in health and medical issues as well as the arts and entertainment industry. “Media experts making the media work for you.” Services include script-to-screen TV productions, corporate video projects, documentaries, on-camera narration, motivational speaking, corporate media consulting/training, and writing.

## VanGo by Montgomery County



**available at the Silver Spring Metro**  
**[www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov)**

“What’s purple and yellow and runs all over?” The VanGo shuttle bus, a free circulator service that drives around the Arts and Entertainment District. Operating weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., with service every eight minutes through Downtown Silver Spring, it is easy to hop on this shuttle and get to your arts destination. The VanGo design features a portrait of painter Vincent Van Gogh and elements from his painting “Starry Night.” The VanGo is sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation.

Stops at the Silver Spring Metro and 17 other locations in Downtown Silver Spring.

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CINEMA

## **AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center**



**8633 Colesville Road**

**301.495.6700**

(for movie information)

**301.495.6720**

**[www.AFI.com/Silver](http://www.AFI.com/Silver)  
[silverinfo@afi.com](mailto:silverinfo@afi.com)**

1938's historic Silver Theatre has begun its new life as the American Film Institute (AFI) Silver Theatre and Cultural Center. Newcomers will experience diverse, innovative programming in the rehabilitated Art Moderne AFI Silver, as well as two new cutting-edge 21st century theatres. There is no theatre in existence today that is more technologically capable of presenting the moving image: from the earliest silents to 70mm and cinemascope to digital HD. The three-theater complex brings the best in film and video to Washington area audiences. Filmmaker interviews, topical discussions, and live performances in its three theaters are designed to enrich the film-going experience and to provide audiences with the most entertaining and enjoyable screen presentations anywhere. Tickets and show times are available on-line at [www.AFI.com/Silver](http://www.AFI.com/Silver).

## **AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center**

### **Walk of Fame**

A la Hollywood, Silver Spring has its own Walk of Fame outside the AFI Silver Theatre. Stars set into the pavement bear the names of AFI's Life Achievement Award winners in film. The first star was honored Gregory Peck in the fall of 2005. Make certain to wear your sunglasses and bling while you pose for a photo in front of our little bit of Hollywood.

### **Film Series**

No other American institution offers a greater variety of films and accompanying presentations as the AFI Silver. The Silver offers a dynamic mix of over 50 films and programs per month, including classic and new films from every continent; major studio films; independent films; documentaries; filmmaker discussions and live performances with film presentations; film festivals; premieres; tributes; on-stage guest appearances; and educational programs. The AFI Silver's film series include an annual European Union Film Showcase, a Latin American Film Festival, an Educational Screening Program for middle and high school students, and SILVERDOCS.



## The Majestic



**Corner of Ellsworth Drive and Fenton Street  
301.681.2266  
[www.consolidatedmovies.com](http://www.consolidatedmovies.com)**

Imagine the golden sparkle of a theatre marquee boasting tinsel town's newest creations. An eager crowd makes its way through the aroma of fresh popcorn towards the enticing flicker of the large silver screen. The Majestic, a grand 20-screen theatre with stadium seating and advanced Dolby Digital Surround Sound, provides the complete film experience.

Additionally, The Majestic hosts several programs designed to include the community and to provide more than the typical movie theatre. Summer Movie Magic, a child-oriented film festival, runs Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays throughout the summer for only \$1 per child. Parents and group leaders get in free and child-sized concessions are available for only \$1. Other community programs are planned such as Special Movie Premieres, Sneak Previews, Movie Mom's Day, Film Festivals, and more.

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## Friday Street Stuff



### **Silver Plaza on Ellsworth Drive**

**301.565.7300**

**[www.silversprUng.com](http://www.silversprUng.com)**



The “younger brother” of the Thursday night Silver Spring Swings Concert Series, this more modest lunchtime concert nevertheless features great music every Friday at noon. The performances are intended to enliven the lunch hours of the shoppers, residents, and employees of Downtown Silver Spring. Patrons can delight in the tunes as they enjoy the outdoor seating at one of Silver Spring’s newly opened eateries or have a brown bag lunch at the public tables and benches.

***Fridays***

***Mid June – Mid August***

***12-2pm***

## Gateway Silver Spring Progressive ArtWalk



**301.562.1400**

**[www.gatewaycdc.com](http://www.gatewaycdc.com)**

**[david@gatewaycdc.com](mailto:david@gatewaycdc.com)**

Tuesdays have never been this good. On what used to be a rather boring day of the week, the second Tuesday of every month has become the most creative day of the week in Silver Spring. From 6:00-9:00pm, the ArtWalk takes you to and involves you in a variety of artistic opportunities: puppet parades, book making, poetry slams, music, visual art demonstrations, etc. It changes every month. Each ArtWalk begins in a different location in the Central Business District of Silver Spring and takes you on a new route, discovering some of the artistic gems of Silver Spring, and introducing you to new eateries, arts organizations, and various media of art. The ArtWalk is sponsored by the Gateway Georgia Avenue Revitalization Corporation.

***Second Tuesday of the month***  
***6-9pm***

## Magical Montgomery



**Ellsworth Drive  
Arts and Humanities Council  
of Montgomery County  
301.565.3805  
info@creativemoco.com  
www.creativemoco.com**



Where else can you eat hot dogs and ice cream, dance to the beat of African drummers, sing along to live opera and children's theatre, meet historical characters, sway to the rhythms of Latin salsa, shop at an artists' fair, and paint a community mural? At Magical Montgomery, Montgomery County's Festival of the Arts and Humanities.

The family friendly festival provides a tremendous opportunity to showcase Montgomery County's arts, humanities, and cultural organizations while experiencing the rich cultural heritage that continues to blossom in the county. The festival features live music and dance, an artists' market, food, kids' crafts, face painting, artist and craft shows, and other creative activities for children, families, and adults.

***First Saturday in October  
12-6 pm***

## Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade

Photos by Jim Saah



**Georgia Avenue  
301.565.7300  
www.montgomerycountymd.gov**

50 foot penguins are taking to the streets of Silver Spring. Nope, we aren't under attack; it's the Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade. More than 100 parade units line the streets with singing and dancing, including marching bands, drill teams, antique card and beauty queens. Huge floats and balloons traditionally seen in the major holiday parades in New York City are also present. This parade is televised on Channel 8 and is hosted by local television personalities. From its starting point at Sligo Avenue, the parade marches north on Georgia, turns right onto Ellsworth, and then

passes the reviewing stand set up at Silver Plaza. For a special treat bring the kids early in the morning to see multiple 50 foot balloons being blown up on Georgia Avenue.

***Saturday before Thanksgiving Day  
9:30am-12noon***





## SILVERDOCS



Richard Dreyfuss at AFI

**AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center**  
**8633 Colesville Road**  
**301.495.6738**  
**[www.silverdocs.com](http://www.silverdocs.com)**

An alliance between the American Film Institute and the Discovery Channel to showcase, honor, and expand the audience for independent documentaries. SILVERDOCS has become one of the largest and most prestigious international film festivals attracting filmmakers and films from around the world. It also incorporates a Documentary Conference for both veteran and novice documentary filmmakers to learn the ins-and-outs of filmmaking from seasoned pros. Each year SILVERDOCS includes almost 100 films from 50 countries around the world, selected from over 1,300 entries.

The SILVERDOCS festival is held at the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Institute for a week each Spring. More than 12,000 participants screen sold out shows, view the best in documentary film, hold panel discussions, experience free outdoor screenings, and many special events.

## Silver Spring Farmers Market



**Ellsworth Drive**  
**202.362.8889**  
**[www.freshfarmmarket.org](http://www.freshfarmmarket.org)**

The rejuvenated Silver Spring Farmers Market begins in May and runs every Saturday until October from 9am to 1pm. The expanded Farmers Market features fruits, vegetables, organic meats, artisanal cheeses, breads, pastries, eggs, plants, flowers, herbs, fish, and produce from over a dozen farmers. The market also highlights different chefs from around the area, using the fresh produce found in the market and cooking during the market hours.

***Saturdays***  
***May – October***  
***9-1pm***



## Silver Spring Jazz Festival

**Fenton Street and Ellsworth Drive  
301.565.7300  
[www.silversprUng.com](http://www.silversprUng.com)**

Only a few years old, the Silver Spring Jazz Festival already has featured such greats as Wynton Marsalis, Keter Betts, Carol Sloane, and Marcus Johnson. The festival opens with a New Orleans-style caravan of Montgomery County youth jazz bands performing in the Downtown Silver Spring neighborhoods, calling the residents to follow the bands to the festival at Fenton and Ellsworth.

Upon arriving, the youth jazz bands engage in a cutting contest, to take home a trophy. This kicks off an evening of first rate jazz, performed by some of the greatest musicians and vocalists of our time. All types of jazz are featured.

***Second Saturday in September  
2-10:30pm***



## Silver Spring Swings: Summer Concerts



**Silver Plaza on Ellsworth Drive  
301.565.5864  
[www.silversprUng.com](http://www.silversprUng.com)**

Definitely the perfect thing to do with the kids in the summer. It has music, "swimming" in the fountain, giveaways, and entertainment. Join the fun and music in Downtown Silver Spring with the Silver Spring Swings Summer Concert Series. Ranging from Salsa to the Blues, the music is always fabulous. Come a half-hour early to enjoy the antics of the balloon clown and face painter. There are lots of restaurants on-site and nearby. There's public seating, or you can bring a beach chair. Best of all there is a raffle at intermission which gives away gift certificates to local businesses for adults and toys for the kids.

***Thursdays  
mid June – mid August  
7-9pm***

## **Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station**



**8100 Georgia Avenue  
301.495.4915**

**[www.montgomerypreservation.org](http://www.montgomerypreservation.org)  
[woodsperk@earthlink.net](mailto:woodsperk@earthlink.net)**

Well, the top hat and thimble can't catch a train here and neither can you, but the newly renovated Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station is a great space for an educational trip with your kids or for holding a meeting or small special event. Montgomery Preservation, Inc., owner of the station, has recently restored this historic building as it appeared on its opening day, December 16, 1945. It served as a busy suburban stop for the B&O Railroad's trains to and from the west.

Tours of the space, available by appointment and on the first Saturday of the month, April through December, include exhibits relating to Silver Spring and B&O Railroad history. Polished terrazzo floors, a vintage baggage wagon, and restored furniture, clocks, and pay phones all with the charm of days gone by.

The former baggage room and agent's office are home to a local arts organization, but the spacious waiting room is available for meetings and events at a nominal fee.



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## Cuneiform Records



[www.cuneiformrecords.com](http://www.cuneiformrecords.com)

Possibly one of the oldest arts businesses in Silver Spring, Cuneiform Records is an independent record label that specializes in adventurous music. Releasing new works as well as historically significant recordings and reissues, Cuneiform has 225 recordings to date, ranging from new jazz and improvisation, to avant progressive, experimental and chamber rock, electronic and ambient music, classical minimalism, and beyond.

Cuneiform's roster includes such legendary artists as Chris McGregor's Brotherhood of Breath (England/South Africa); Richard Pinhas and Heldon (France); Univers Zero (Belgium); Robert Wyatt and Soft Machine (England); and David Borden/Mother Mallard's Portable Masterpiece Co. (USA). The label's emerging artists include The Claudia Quintet, Wadada Leo Smith's and Henry Kaiser's Yo Miles!, Fast 'N' Bulbous, Guapo, and many more.

Cuneiform recordings are available in record stores world-wide and through online vendors such as Amazon.com and the label's website.

## **Dale Music Company, Inc.**



**8240 Georgia Avenue**  
**301.589.1459**  
**www.dalemusic.com**  
**dale@dalemusic.com**

Dale Music inspires you to dust off that piano for a sing-a-long. They carry the East Coast's largest selection of sheet music and have musical instruments for rent or purchase. Dale Music has been supplying the musical needs of musicians worldwide since 1950.

Dale Music has studios and teachers for music lessons on all string, woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. Studio lessons are available Monday through Saturday, 10:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. for \$20/half hour.

## **Roadhouse Oldies**



**958 Thayer Avenue**  
**301.587.1858**  
**800.643.1858**

They quite adamantly do NOT sell used CDs, 78s, 8-tracks, hard rock music, country music, phono needles, or karaoke music. However, you can get great oldies on 45s, LPs, cassettes, and CDs. Roadhouse Oldies specializes in 1950's and 60's rock n' roll, doo-wop, and 70's and 80's soul music. Also available are some hard-to-find soul and doo-wop import CDs that are not commonly found domestically, including titles by the Isley Brothers, Jones Girls, Teddy Pendergrass, and Minnie Ripperton. Roadhouse Oldies carries new and previously owned vinyl 45s and LPs, so if your item is not available on CD, they might have the record.

Roadhouse Oldies has been selling oldies in Maryland since 1974 with two stores: one in Baltimore, and their larger store in Silver Spring. The owner, Alan Lee, and the general manager, Warren 'Scooter' Magruder, are both professional oldies DJs hosting popular radio programs on the local Oldies stations (WQSR in Baltimore and BIG 100 in Washington, DC). Open 7 days a week.

## Three Keys Music and 8121 East



**World Building  
8121 Georgia Avenue  
Suite 900  
301.589.1800  
info@threekeys.com**

There's a hot music man in town. Pianist Marcus Johnson moved his company, Marimelj Entertainment Group, LLC to Silver Spring. Marimelj Entertainment Group's record label, Three Keys Music, features some of today's most exciting contemporary jazz and vocal talents. Three floors up is 8121 East, is a 10,000 square foot audio and video recording studio. How did Silver Spring get so lucky? Marcus Johnson, a Blair High School graduate, was teaching a legal research and writing course while earning his MBA when he borrowed \$3,000 from his sister to release his debut recording *Lessons in Love*. Five years later, he was a full-time jazz recording artist with five well-received recordings under his belt. He was honored with the U.S. Small Business Administration's Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Johnson presented a long term business plan for Marimelj to various investors, including BET Founder Robert L. Johnson (no relation), America's first African-American billionaire. With funding secure, Marimelj has built a recording studio, created a music publishing company, and continues to seek artists for its Three Keys Music label.

## Wayside Music



**www.waysidemusic.com**

Wayside Music is an internet CD store specializing in avant/non-mainstream music, as well as a distribution company focusing on small labels from around the world. Chances are if you can't obtain an adventurous CD at Amazon.com or your local record store, you can find it in Wayside's inventory.

2005 marked Wayside's 25th anniversary, which was founded as a mail-order company specializing in vinyl LPs. In the early 2000's, Wayside abandoned its print catalogue and moved to the internet. Since its inception, Wayside has imported recordings from around the world, including both Eastern and Western Europe, South America, and Asia, and sells and distributes recordings to customers worldwide.

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**East-West Highway and Newell Street  
Mame Cohalon, artist**

Acorn Park is all that remains of Francis Preston Blair's estate, "Silver Spring," named after his discovery in 1840 of a nearby mica-speckled spring. This park might be small, but it is chock-full of good stuff to see. Nestled up to the first Silver Spring Discovery building (the old Caldor) is a quaint little park with an acorn gazebo and beautiful murals.

Discovery Communications is trying to rid us of the bad habit of referring to the building as the "old Caldor," but in this case it was actually the Caldor Company that commissioned the five-panel mural by artist Mame Cohalon and restored the gazebo and park.



## Alba Rosa



**Fenwick Lane**  
**Joseph McDonnell, artist**

Bring your coffee and donuts when you visit this sculpture. The name of the work *Alba Rosa* literally means “red morning” in Italian. Wedged between two tall buildings, the only time the sun strikes *Alba Rosa* and its fountain is in the morning.

The symbolism of the artwork deals with the primordial objects of life: the sun, the column, and the arch are all created from the oldest sculpture materials, bronze and granite. The striations across the disc were cut on-site and represent clouds crossing the sun. On a practical note, they enhance the flow of water down the surface of the disc.

The artist believed that the piece represented his faith in man’s profound determination to survive. Reminiscent of ancient civilizations, there is a strong nostalgia for the past with evocations of forgotten kingdoms and glories. There is also a sense of destruction with the torn, pockmarked surfaces, the seemingly missing entablature, the deep indentations and channels caused as if by some forceful projectiles.

## The Alexander House



**Second Avenue at  
Cameron Street**  
**Linda De Palma, artist**

For the gate, screen, and railing at Alexander House, the imagery is nature-related with ambiguous references to clouds, water, and reflections. Floating through this matrix are illusionistic spheres which can be seen as a microcosmic view of the world or as a reference to large macrocosmic views.

The gate acts as an introduction to what lies ahead and defines the entrance or the exit to the garden. The screen and railing act as directional elements, drawing one through the garden, and act as a boundary, creating another world that surrounds a contemplative space.



## The Blairs



**River Twist**  
**East-West Highway**  
**Barton Rubenstein, artist**

As a former scientist who studied human visual perception, Barton Rubenstein has always been keenly interested in the visual forms of nature, especially those of water and motion. The works at The Blairs celebrate various patterns of these elements, treating them as sculptural forms unto themselves. The kinetic and water sculptures for the Blairs complex include the Blairs Sign Sculpture, a 50 foot water sculpture and main entrance sign.

## Brush Strokes



**Ellsworth Drive, East of Georgia Avenue**  
**John Sonnier, artist**

Commemorating the history of the old Silver Spring Shopping Center that has turned into the new AFI, tasty eateries, and the Silver Plaza, is a sculpture set in a niche on Ellsworth Drive. The artist, John Sonnier, based the sculpture on wall coverings inside of the AFI Silver Theatre.



## Coastline



**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
1301 East-West Highway  
Jim Sanborn, artist**

Known to locals as “the wave pool,” Coastline is actually an educational tool that exemplifies the mission of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Using the power of the seas as an inspiration, Jim Sanborn developed a water environment/ornamental foundation which replicates a 65 foot section of coastline with its wave action. The sea has always been regarded as one of the most powerful forces in nature. It can show rage or tranquility depending on the whim of another force of nature, the wind. The rocky “coastline” is built of layers of black granite and has been designed realistically yet artistically with the inclusion of large fossil shells and other elements. In front of the “coastline” is a wide pool of water running parallel to the coast. Waves are generated pneumatically under the plaza surface and roll across the width of the pool, crashing against the coastline.

## Criss Cross



**Fenton Street and Burlington Avenue  
Albert Paley, artist**

You may remember this open metal piece from its original location outside the parking garage at Ellsworth and Fenton Street. It now graces a grassy expanse on the corner of Fenton Street and Burlington Avenue. The colorful 20-foot high sculpture provides a punctuated transition from architecturally urban spaces to tranquil residential corridors.

It is composed of a steel, yellow, triangular shape; a red vertical component; and balanced by a blue-green, diagonal element. The three are welded together with delicately refined seams, juxtaposing industry with intimacy.

## Forest Glen Pedestrian Bridge



### Near the Forest Glen Metro Raya Bodnarchuk, artist

A joint collaboration between the Public Arts Trust and the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation, this family-friendly, hiker-biker trail features a whole zoo of lovable animals. Of course, the animals are made out of bronze, but they are fascinating none the less. Artist Raya Bodnarchuk, a teacher at the Corcoran College of Art and Design, is the creative force behind the 11 bronze sculptures. Bodnarchuk has said, "My sensibilities side with living things. And since animals are always on the move, there are many possibilities in every minute." The new quarter-mile bridge and bikeway will give Silver Spring residents and bicyclists easy and safe access to the Forest Glen Metrorail Station and to the retail establishments along Georgia Avenue.

## The Hand

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) 1315 East-West Highway Ray Kaskey, artist



Ray Kaskey worked with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration officials to create a sculpture that would reflect their mission. From early on, Kaskey conceived of a monumental work that would dominate the space in a dramatic way and envisioned the "Hand of Noah" as a pun on the biblical story of Noah releasing the doves on the arc. It became the "Hand of NOAA"; the doves turned into the seagulls that are part of the agency's logo. The large, bronze hand reaches its fingers towards the atmosphere releasing seagulls to the ocean, continuing the agency's mission of recording and protecting the environment.



## Jesup Blair Park



**Jesup Blair Park on Georgia Avenue**  
**Linda De Palma, artist**

It is particularly apt that at this gateway park on the border of DC and Silver Spring, the public art sculpture is a sweeping pedestrian gateway into the park. The turquoise, steel sculptural depiction of leaves and acorns adorn the tops of two stone wall piers that serve as a beautiful entrance into the parkland within. The acorn leaves not only echo the landscape that awaits the visitor, but also give a reminder that the acorn is a symbol of Silver Spring. Jesup Blair Park is the former summer residence of the Blair Family, which was constructed in 1850. Besides its recent revitalization as a historic park for families to enjoy, it also bridges both the old campus of Montgomery College and its new buildings and expansion into south Silver Spring.

## Lion and the Mouse



**Silver Spring Library**  
**8901 Colesville Road**  
**301.565.7689**  
**Marcia Billig, artist**

The Lion and the Mouse hovering over a book, is the perfect sculpture to welcome you into the Silver Spring Library. The artist, Marcia Billig, received her MFA in Sculpture from American University and has created eclectic sculpture display all over the country. Billig also has created pieces for a number of local elementary schools. Her charming and friendly work makes art accessible to both young children and adults. In the case of "Lion and the Mouse" at the Silver Spring Library, it makes you want to come on in and check out a book.

## The Mayor



**Mayor's Lane**  
east side of Georgia Avenue  
Fred Folsom, artist

The unofficial "Mayor" of Silver Spring was a homeless man who collected hand-outs of money and food. Norman Lane walked the streets of Silver Spring for almost 25 years, doing odd jobs around the neighborhoods and handing out flowers to women on the street that he picked out of the Bell Flowers dumpster. Norman Lane was a mainstay in the community, and his enjoyment of life has been immortalized in a bronze bust created by artist and friend, Fred Folsom. The plaque beneath Norman Lane's likeness reads, "Remembering the Caring, Kindhearted Forbearance of the People of Silver Spring." This is a tribute, not only to this local legend, but to the citizens of Silver Spring like Robert Phillips, owner of the Silver Spring Auto Body Shop, who kept a cot and a hot plate in the garage as a permanent home for Lane. The bust of Lane is located on Mayor's Lane, a small alleyway off Georgia Avenue near Silver Spring Avenue.

## Now and Then



**925 Wayne Avenue**  
Jerome Meadows, artist

The monument to the Silver Spring Armory site was created by an artist whose heritage includes both African-American and Cherokee ancestry. Jerome Meadows' diverse background lead him to express a community's spirit through his collage and abstract work.

As a former resident of DC and a graduate student at the University of Maryland, Meadows is familiar with Silver Spring's cultural mix. Meadow says, "Art, the way I interpret it, lies within the realm [of the spirit] and when used effectively can have a healing impact, a revealing impact, an empowering impact."





## Old Tavern Mural



**Silver Spring Library**  
**8901 Colesville Road**  
**301.565.7689**  
**Nicolai Cikovsky, artist**

Sponsored by the United States Treasury Department's Section of Painting and Sculpture, the mural was commissioned for the Silver Spring Post Office to educate the American people about their culture and history. Between 1934 and 1943, over 1,100 post offices received a commissioned piece of historical public art. After the Old Silver Spring Post Office closed, the work was moved to the Silver Spring Library.

The Old Tavern Mural represents Civil War Union soldiers resting in front of the Eagle Inn and reading their mail from home. The Eagle Inn once stood in Sligo Village, later renamed Silver Spring. The African-American soldier prominently featured in the work symbolizes one of the causes for which the Civil War was fought, the emancipation of the African-American people. The artist, Nicolai Cikovsky, taught at the Corcoran School of Art and was a talented muralist, painter, and lithographer.

## Park Bench and The Bicyclist

In his sculptures, artist Larry Morris juxtaposes a freeze-framed moment of order in Park Bench with the energetic race of Bicyclist.

Morris works primarily in steel using angular shapes, particularly the pyramid, as a figurative form. His art has evolved into whimsical representations of life in a geometric format, containing multiple levels of meaning as well as distilled energy or movement. Park

Bench uses floating rectangles to capture, in the midst of chaos, a freeze-framed moment of order.

The Bicyclist rides on inverted (female) and right side up (male) triangles achieving a perfect balance. Despite mechanical impossibility, the rider metaphorically races through the landscape.



**1010 Wayne Avenue**  
**Larry Morris, artist**





## Penguin Rush Hour



### Silver Spring Metro Sally Callmer, artist

The hustle and bustle of all the “suits” commuting in and out of the Silver Spring station are captured in artist Sally Callmer’s 100-foot mural, “Penguin Rush Hour,” depicting penguins at a Metro stop. The mural, which Callmer created as the winner of a public art contest conducted by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), was originally to be displayed for one year. However, WMATA later decided to purchase the work and display it permanently. Callmer took six months to paint the 25 plywood panels. Modeled from nature magazines, the penguins have become Silver Spring’s unofficial downtown mascot. The panels were recently restored with donations from Silver Spring residents.



## Silver Plaza



### Ellsworth Drive Craig Kraft, neon artist Deirdre Saunder, mosaic artist

The Silver Plaza is the new hip spot downtown. You can sit outside and enjoy evening concerts, eat a meal from a nearby restaurant, or gaze into the hypnotic whoosh of the fountain jets.

Not only does the Plaza feature a neon sculpture on the elevator tower by artist Craig Kraft, it also has an award winning mosaic fountain, with water disappearing below the surface of the ground when not in use. Its colorful mosaic design features fish in soothing blues and greens and is repeated on the nearby stairs. Summertime finds children of all ages dashing through and playing in the dancing waters fountain. The fountain and stair mosaic was created by artist Deirdre Saunder.



The Peterson Companies sponsor a series of live concerts every other Saturday throughout the summer. The group’s genres vary, but all have a good beat you can dance to. The concerts begin at 5pm.

## Silver Spring: A Celebration of Life



**Fenton Street at Whole Foods**  
Jorge Somarriba, artist

Not certain which vegetables to add to your shopping list? The vibrant Sun Murals on the outside of Whole Foods Market depict an array of tasty international produce that makes you crave its sweet taste. The mural was created by Nicaraguan born artist Jorge Luis Somarriba. The Gaithersburg resident immigrated to the United States in 1975 and teaches at Norwood School in Bethesda. He was commissioned by the County to create two murals on the Whole Foods building, facing Fenton Street. The murals reflect Silver Spring's multicultural diversity and represent food as a basic building block of community.



## Synchronicity



**801 Ellsworth Drive**  
Peter King, artist

Having been bitten by the pottery bug while at the University of West Florida, Peter King decided to apply his interest in ceramics to the building industry. In 1975 he approached the builder for whom he was working as a carpenter with the idea of making handmade ceramic sinks and tiles for the homes they were building. It was within this idea that his massive public art was born. He founded StoneHaus with the idea of making it the first pottery studio in America dedicated to making one-of-a-kind architectural ceramics.



Peter King does not consider himself either a sculptor or a potter. His sole interest is developing original forms of architectural ornamentation that speak to our culture.

Synchronicity was originally on display at the Organization of American States in DC as a part of the "Architectural Passages" show. It is actually two Janus pieces, including an archway and portrayal of Bacchus' face.

## The Three Suns



**Silver Spring Business Center  
Colesville Road and Spring Street  
Naum Knop, artist**

Artist Naum Knop learned the art of woodcarving from his father, a cabinetmaker from Ukraine. After studying at the Belgrano National School of Fine Arts in Buenos Aires, Knop spent the next 50 years creating sculptures that are on display all over Europe and the Americas. The Three Suns monument displayed in Silver Spring reflects the three stages of a man's life and the generations of son, father, and grandfather.

## The Underpass



**Georgia Avenue  
Arts on the Block, artist**

The less than attractive CXS underpass of South Silver Spring is undergoing a miraculous transformation. The colorful, mosaic artwork lining the walls was created by a group of talented high school artists under the direction of Montgomery Youth Works. The high school artists are trained for several months in creating unique mosaics and are then put to work producing artwork paid for by local businesses.

This particular mosaic theme was designed by an artist and executed by the students. It was funded by both the County and State. It makes a once gloomy space into a walk that encourages you to linger and admire.

## Wayne Avenue Pocket Park



### **8435 Georgia Avenue** **Wilfredo Valladares, artist**

This park is so tiny that it could fit in your pocket. Still, this charming, little, pastoral break in the hustle and bustle of urban life is a welcome respite to pedestrian commuters. Wilfredo Valladares' steel sculpture of lotus leaves and petals is viewed best close-up in this intimate space. Although the modern aspect of the steel echoes the urban ambience, the floral subject gives the impression of an oasis in the downtown.

## The Windows on Arts Alley



### **1100 Blair Mill Road** **Judy Sutton Moore, artist**

With such a confined space, many artists may have been afraid to create something so big. Not Judy Sutton Moore, who infused the once bland alley with life. Arts Alley features a magnificent, towering, vertical, steel, and colored glass sculptures.

Located behind Mayorga and Photogroup on Blair Mill Road, Arts Alley hosts the weekly Silver Spring Artists' Market. Saturdays, 10-4pm, Spring to Fall.



## Austin Grill



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**919 Ellsworth Drive**  
**240.247.8969**  
**www.austingrill.com**  
**meghang@austingrill.com**



Like the city it's named for, what sets Austin Grill apart is the way it uniquely combines Mexican tradition with a little Texas cowboy and a touch of big city flare. Creating a venue for local artists was the brainchild of Chris Patterson, Austin Grill's President and COO. Chris, a musician himself, has made a welcome space for both the guests at the Grill and the musicians themselves.

### **Mondays - OPEN MIC NIGHT**

Open Mic sign-up begins at 8:30pm,  
with music starting at 9pm.

### **Tuesdays - SONGWRITER SHOWCASE**

This night allows musicians an opportunity to play and sing original material. Audience members learn more about the artist and his/her story.

**Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays** – Austin Grill's LIVE STAGE hosts local and national artists and bands each night at 9:30pm.

**Sunday - 'O BROTHER BRUNCH** – Starting at 1pm, the third Sunday of each month, local area Bluegrass artists take the stage for an enjoyable afternoon of true "Americana."

There is never a cover. The performance schedule is available online at [www.austingrill.com](http://www.austingrill.com).

**ceviche**

**921-J Ellsworth Drive**  
**301.608.0081**  
**[www.latinconcepts.com](http://www.latinconcepts.com)**

Relax on the low-slung, red leather seating in the lounge of ceviche while listening to some excellent Latin bands and Spanish guitar. On various nights between Tuesday and Saturday night, you can hear the live music wafting down into Silver Plaza through the open windows of ceviche. If you follow the music you will also find a delicious array of Latin dishes and six types of ceviche to round out the evening's entertainment.

**Half Moon Bar-B-Que**

**8235 Georgia Avenue**  
**301.585.1290**  
**[www.halfmoonbbq.com](http://www.halfmoonbbq.com)**

The Half Moon Bar-B-Que is Silver Spring's premier BBQ restaurant and one rockin' music venue. Besides authentic North Carolina, Memphis, and Texas BBQ, they have some of the best rockabilly, zydeco, blues, R&B, and country music in Silver Spring! Among other notables, Bill Kirchen and Too Much Fun, The Rhodes Tavern Troubadours, The Hula Monsters, Sleepy La Beef, The Nighthawks, The Grandsons, and Ruthie and the Wranglers routinely grace the stage. With live music Tuesday through Saturday, you won't find another local venue like it.



## Langano



**8305 Georgia Avenue**  
**301.563.6700**

Although not an Ethiopian art form (it is American born), the patrons of Langano love the jazz music performances held weekly. Every Friday night, from 7-10:45pm, the audience eagerly laps up the music as they enjoy their wat, a curry like stew made from beef, chicken, or vegetables. With 19 staple items on the menu, the restaurant is always crowded with the Ethiopian émigré community as well as Americans. It is true, to find good ethnic food, go where the natives eat. To find good jazz concerts, go to Langano.

## Los Arrieros



**7926 Georgia Avenue**  
**301.495.9459**

This Colombian/Mexican themed restaurant is a regional attraction for salsa and flamenco dancers Thursday through Sunday nights. Owner Nick Acila frequently books internationally famous Latino performers. From lunch to early evening this is a family-oriented restaurant; in the evening the nightlife gets spicy!



## Mayorga Coffee Factory



**8040 Georgia Avenue**  
**301.562.9090**  
**[www.mayorgacoffee.com](http://www.mayorgacoffee.com)**  
**[info@mayorgacoffee.com](mailto:info@mayorgacoffee.com)**

Who says you can't live on coffee alone? With Mayorga you don't have to. The large open space features live entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights to enjoy your coffee in style. On the weekend there is a cover charge, but the Monday night open mic poetry is free. Also on Thursday mornings at 10:30am, there is a musical performance for kids.

The centerpiece of this retail location is a 30 kilo Diedrich coffee roaster; it was custom-made for Mayorga Coffee. Mayorga features a rotation of superb coffees on a daily basis. Whole bean coffees roasted on-site are also available for purchase. Sound tasty? They also serve scrumptious pastries from marvelous markets. Sandwiches and salads are also available.

For the after-work professional who wants to relax in a mellow environment, they offer a full variety of locally brewed Old Dominion Beers and Ale on draft. Evening coffee drinks with various liqueurs add the finishing touch to a wonderful dessert. To top off this feast of the senses, they are proud to present and display local artwork from artists in Silver Spring.

## Tijuanas Mexican Cafe



**8221 Georgia Avenue**  
**301.562.9336**

Straight from the mouth of an avid vegetarian Mexican food lover, comes the assurance that Tijuanas makes the "best vegetarian burrito in existence." But food isn't the only thing that you can get in this Tex-Mex restaurant. On Friday nights, the traditional Hispanic décor comes alive with flashing blue, red, and green lights. It's Karaoke. Yes, that's right. Spanish Karaoke.

Kick back with a margarita and listen to your favorite Latin tunes. Maybe after a drink or two, you might be tempted to get up there yourself and belt out a few songs. No one criticizes if you forget the words. Fridays, 9pm-1am. No cover charge.

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## Inner Circle Repertory Theatre, Inc.



**P.O. Box 8212**  
**301.588.5118**  
**icrt@earthlink.net**

Inner Circle Theatre is dedicated to using the cultural arts as a means to address critical social life issues and to serve as a source of strength for the community.

Coming soon: A theatre café and art gallery will serve as a home for a core group of artists based in Silver Spring. The theatre café will feature new book information in the

Author's Pen series.

Discussions with local playwrights will be part of the Author's Pen. A plays-in-progress series, entitled Post Script's, will also be featured.

## Round House Theatre



**8641 Colesville Road  
240.644.1100  
www.roundhousetheatre.org**

Round House Theatre Silver Spring, a 125-seat black box performance space, is home to a series of professional productions, including contemporary plays, solo performances, musical cabarets, and other special events. Round house presents two plays as part of its annual theater season in this venue. It is also the home of numerous education and outreach presentations such as the annual Sarah Play, a mentored production by local high school students. The theatre is also available as a performance space for other theatres without a permanent home. With affordable subscription packages, group discounts, and select pay-what-you-can performances, Round House Theatre Silver Spring is dedicated to making theatre accessible to the entire community.

## Silver Spring Stage

**10145 Colesville Road  
301.593.6036  
www.ssstage.org  
ssstage@aol.com**



*The Washington Post* said, "Because of the high quality of Silver Spring Stage productions, it's easy to compare this company with the pros." The shows are consistently praised in the press, and the troupe has racked up more than its share of awards in theatre contests. While the Stage's seasons often contain classics like *The Lion in Winter*, *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*, and *Man of La Mancha*, it has a reputation for doing unique and groundbreaking productions, many of which are area and community theatre premieres.

Silver Spring Stage produces seven full-length shows year-round and a late summer one-act play festival showcasing many original works by area writers.

The Stage has a tradition of producing high quality, affordable theatre. An active member of the community, the Stage welcomes volunteers in all areas of theatre production: onstage, backstage, and offstage.

### ***Subscription Series***

Silver Spring Stage's subscription package provides theatre-goers with significant discounts over box office prices, first choice on seats and dates, and special bonuses throughout the season.



**8025 Georgia Avenue  
301.565.2262**

**[www.artandalchemy.com](http://www.artandalchemy.com)  
[zengardens555@yahoo.com](mailto:zengardens555@yahoo.com)**

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Upon entering the store, you are met with the enticing scents of cinnamon and spice. You immediately feel like you have been transported to a Marrakech market.

Sand-swept, terra cotta walls covered with paintings and photographs commune nicely with clay sculptures, copper mirrors, and Moroccan lamps. Every nook and cranny of this little oasis is filled with hand-made treasures. It is truly a feast for the mind and the senses.

Alchemy shows and sells the work of over 65 local artists and vendors. Located in South Silver Spring, Alchemy features eclectic art, fine crafts, and home furnishings from around the world. Alchemy also hosts a monthly drumming circle, a Saturday outdoor artist market, and participating artists teach classes and workshops in everything from jewelry-making, soap-making, to drawing, painting, and collage. All you have to do is ask; Brenda will find someone to teach you! Alchemy also provides artists for fundraisers, special events, and bazaars in addition to having an art-for-loan program. All classes, including the drumming circle, are held at the store. Call for information on costs.

## ASL Dreamworks

## Bijan's Gallery



**open by appointment**  
**Anita LoMonico, artist**  
**9009 Woodland Drive**  
**301.608.0615**  
**glassdreams@starpower.net**

All of the art objects at the ASL DreamWorks studio are influenced by the shamanic journeying and Jungian dream work of the artist. Anita LoMonico creates mixed-media sculptures, ritual objects, functional kiln-formed glass objects (bowls and plates), wall pieces, and jewelry in her home studio.

A crafts person for 30 years, she has studied various craft modalities such as, metal smithing, enameling, fiber arts, Native American beadwork, and various cold and hot glass techniques.

Weekend workshops in creating personal, ritual objects and tools such as beaded smudging feathers, rattles, and crystal wands are offered at the studio.

Workshops in the basic techniques of kiln-formed glass for small (2-4 person) groups and private instruction may be scheduled by appointment.



**bijan rashedi, artist**  
**8701 Colesville Road**  
**301.585.8888**  
**bijan223@aol.com**  
**www.bijanartgallery.com**

Have you considered adding an original piece of art to your home? The eclectic Bijan's Gallery offers surrealist and abstract art by artist Bijan Rashedi. Housed in of Carpet Bazaar, owner Bijan Rashedi has created a separate gallery space devoted completely to the visual arts. When you visit the Gallery you can meet the artist and view many of his original works ranging from bright and lyrical to more somber, contemplative pieces.

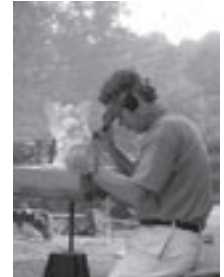


**Tom Block**

Tom Block is a visual artist who bases his work on social and political themes. He has undertaken the Human Rights Painting Project, in conjunction with Amnesty International, as well as a public art project in Silver Spring entitled "Cousins," in conjunction with the Gateway Georgia Avenue Revitalization Corporation.

Tom Block's studio is available to view by appointment. He has shown his paintings in New York, Chicago, Washington, DC, Detroit and Las Vegas, in the US; Florence and Venice, Italy; Lisbon, Portugal; Madrid, Spain and many other cities in the US and Europe.

**108 Sheffield Street  
301.589.5055  
www.tomblock.com  
tom@tomblock.com**

**George Carr Studio**

**open by appointment  
George Carr, artist  
9830 Capitol View Avenue  
301.588.7120**

**<http://mywebpages.comcast.net/geocarr/>**

Have you ever sat in the owner's box at FedEx Field? Probably not. But if you did, you would see a large, bronzed sculpture of an Indian head by artist George Carr. The piece was commissioned by the Washington Redskins. It is just one of George Carr's many realistic, commissioned sculptures. In his 25 years of sculpting, he has created several monumental works as well as numerous smaller-scale pieces such as portrait busts and prototypes for commercial mass production.



The studio is open by appointment.

## Colour Art Studio & Gallery



**1434 Fenwick Lane**  
**301.495.0361**  
**spcolour@aol.com**

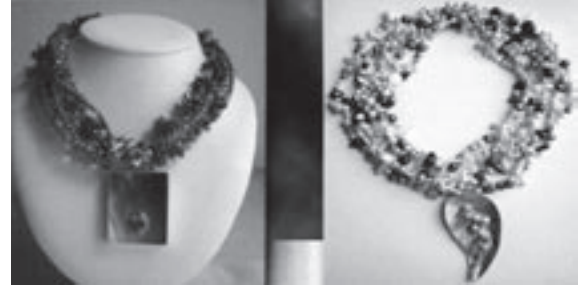
Unlike some galleries where you just sip wine and nod intelligently, Colour Art Studio lets you dig right in and create some art. Pieces are on display and for sale, but they also offer workshops for children and adults in Expressive Painting (acrylic, oils, pastels, printmaking, watercolor, and collage), Ceramics, and Summer Art Camp classes for kids.

Colour Art Studio and Gallery is dedicated to the creation of beautiful and functional art that is made not only by resident artist Sandra Pope, but also by exhibiting artists from the metropolitan area. The artist also creates commissioned work upon request.

As a community service, Colour Art Studio and Gallery provides workshops to inner-city children one weekend a month. Children apply skills in creative art and produce a variety of crafts.



## Elena Design Studio



**Elena Crusoe-Aiken, artist**  
**1418 Fenwick Lane**  
**301.588.8574**  
**eln0148@aol.com**

Women love to show off Elena's one-of-a-kind jewelry designs, available for sale in the studio and at various galleries and boutiques in the metro area.

Elena Crusoe-Aiken is a jewelry artist who works with gemstones and natural materials. Workshops on subjects such as Wearing Jewelry for Maximum Effect, Gemstone Therapy, and Repair and Restyling of Vintage Pieces, are held alongside the more traditional jewelry making classes for both children and adults. Classes are limited to 12 participants and are offered year round. Some classes are free to children and others run from \$35-\$65 for adults.





## Fine Art & Nature Photography

## FRANQUILTS



**open by appointment**  
**Ellen X. Silverberg, artist**  
**212 Lexington Drive**  
**301.754.1121**  
**[www.ToSeaWorld.com](http://www.ToSeaWorld.com)**  
**[esilverberg@bigfoot.com](mailto:esilverberg@bigfoot.com)**

Using traditional 35mm camera techniques, award-winning photographer Ellen X. Silverberg captures the world with a unique aesthetic. Visit her studio to see photographs of local and regional sites, including Downtown Silver Spring (the old and the new), historic Forest Glen Seminary, Sligo Creek, Northwest Branch, Great Falls, Ocean City, and Assateague. Or travel further from home via photos taken in New England, Italy, Israel, and Brazil.

As a naturalist, Ellen X. Silverberg celebrates the natural world as an aspect of the sacred, focusing her lens on the animating vitality of the unseen world around us with landscapes, dunescapes, and pondscape, as well as images of wildflowers, butterflies & dragonflies, cats, frogs, turtles, and more.

Ms. Silverberg periodically runs workshops for photographers and non-photographers alike on "The Art of Seeing," designed to increase visual awareness and personal joy.

Visit the artist's studio by appointment only.



**Fran Myer, artist**  
**8816 First Avenue**  
**301.589.7345**  
**[www.franquilts.com](http://www.franquilts.com)**

Almost everyone has a memory of a quilt in his or her life that gave more than warmth; it gave comfort and love. That is what FRANQUILTS creates: quilts, hangings, pillows, and other fabric works that offer not only warmth but comfort, color, and beauty to last a lifetime.

Fran Meyer, FRANQUILTS' owner, has been a quilter for over a decade, making quilts of all sizes and styles for people of all ages. She incorporates t-shirts, dresses, socks, pants, and photographs into the designs of her hangings and quilts, creating a unique art piece that is both aesthetically appealing and pleasantly comfy.

Visit her studio and gallery to see how the imaginative designs and wide-ranging fabrics come together to form something that will dazzle, inspire, and soothe. FRANQUILTS also sells one-of-a-kind pillows, journals, gift cards, and other fabric products that make unique gifts and art expressions.

## Grace Design



**open by appointment**  
**Margaret Grace Foley, artist**  
**301.589.4158**  
**pearl-girl@juno.com**

Do your love mom's vintage jewelry, but you can't wear it because it's fragile, missing a clasp, or needs a restyle? Do you have a drawer full of single earrings and can't find the match? Margaret Grace Foley (the pearl girl) has lots of ideas to help you show off your vintage jewelry and to feel the joy of wearing some of those sentimental pieces. A style adjustment or restringing can bring life back to an otherwise dormant piece. A single earring can become a pendant, a charm or the focal accent in a necklace. Whether the beads are vintage glass, semi-precious, natural, or one of the new media used in forming beads, a friendly chat with Margaret can get you started with a made-to-order piece.

Margaret is a current member and past vice-president of the Gem Lapidary and Mineral Society of Washington, DC. She is a mentor in Montgomery County and was recently recognized by ABC7 News for outstanding community service.

Besides selling unique original gifts and vintage jewelry, Grace Design also offers classes for adults, beading circles, lecture demonstrations, and parties for teens and children.



## Graphics Workshop



**open by appointment**  
**8083 Georgia Avenue**  
**wolfy410@aol.com**

Graphics Workshop represents a group of local professional printmakers who produce original hand pulled prints. It includes artists Pauline Jakobsberg, Terry Svatek, Helga Thomson, Anna Meyer-Zachurski, Mirta Meltzer, Kim Bentley, and Alice Sorkowitz. This creative environment offers educational workshops and demonstrations on various printmaking techniques to groups or to individuals.



To visit the Graphics Workshop, e-mail [wolfy410@aol.com](mailto:wolfy410@aol.com) for an appointment.

## **Graphiti Gems Art Gallery**



**open by appointment**  
**Laurence Chandler, artist**  
**8737 Colesville Road, L202**  
**301.585.9161**  
**[www.graphitigems.com](http://www.graphitigems.com)**  
**[info@graphitigems.com](mailto:info@graphitigems.com)**

Graphiti Gems Art Gallery is a showroom for fine art -- from semi-figurative to purely abstract works -- by contemporary abstract expressionist Laurence Chandler.

Formally trained at The Maryland Institute College of Art, Chandler has gained proficiency as an artist through extensive study, travel, and years of experience. Chandler creates original, mixed-media collages (using fabric, wire, acrylics, paper, and found objects), and acrylic works on paper, canvas, and plexiglas. Putting his heart and soul into every work, Chandler uses vivid color, shape, space, scale, or subject matter, or a combination of these elements. Many of his themes focus on family, culture, tradition, political change, music, and dance. His art is spiritual, colorful, uplifting, and provocative, giving it universal appeal.

Gallery visits, commissioned works, and custom framing services are available by appointment only.

## **Stephen T. Hanks Studio/Gallery**



**open by appointment**  
**7981 Eastern Avenue**  
**Unit C11**  
**301.330.2326**  
**[sthanks@earthlink.net](mailto:sthanks@earthlink.net)**

With watercolors that range from intimate and realistic wildlife subjects, to powerful and abstract expressionist drawings and paintings, Stephen Hanks is an artist who depicts life with surprising imagery. Mr. Hanks has been a professional watercolor artist and art teacher for over 33 years. He has exhibited locally and nationally, including the Easton Waterfowl Festival. He does commission work and teaches private drawing and painting classes, both in his studio and in various civic venues.

Mr. Hanks has recently brought his expressive works to Silver Spring to open his combined studio/gallery. His studio and gallery can be visited by appointment or as part of the monthly Gateway Silver Spring Progressive ArtWalk.

## Heliport Gallery



**301.562.1400**  
**www.gatewaycdc.com**  
**david@gatewaycdc.com**

The Heliport Gallery features “outsider” art by artists who are outside the mainstream. Not classically trained, these artists might be immigrants, ex-convicts, persons with disabilities, or simply have had barriers to entry that halted their formal arts education but did not diminish their extraordinary talent. Every two months, the exhibit at the Heliport Gallery changes to feature the work of a different artist. This isn’t the place to view pretty still lifes; the work is raw and moving. The gallery is open Monday – Thursday, 4-7pm. It is run by Gateway Georgia Avenue Revitalization Corporation with support from RST Development and Capital Plaza.

## Francie Hester Studios

**open by appointment**  
**Francie Hester, artist**  
**301.633.1553**  
**www.franciehester.com**  
**fjhester27@aol.com**



Francie Hester’s recent interest in texture and surface tensions has produced a series of canvasses with marked three-dimensional forms entitled *Strata*. Working on honey-combed aluminum strips, the artist lays down dense strata of paint which are then etched, sanded, waxed, polished, or drilled. The layering of paint and the complexity of surface connote layers of time and human history.

Sound interesting? Other works available to view in her home studio include the *Cluster* series, which considers the energy of collective spirits and vision. The color clusters in these paintings gather an energy that is reflected in agglomerations of color and texture on the paintings surfaces.

Based on the *Cluster* series, Hester was awarded an individual grant from the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County. With that grant, she embarked on *Breaking The Surface*, a series that builds on the ideas developed in her *Identity* and *Cluster* series. These paintings are on three-dimensional aluminum boards, molded into curved surfaces. They are meant to envelop the viewer, with a topographical dimension as though one is in the midst of an ocean or a vast landscape.

Studio tours are available by appointment only.

## House of Savori



**open by appointment**  
**Savori, artist**  
**1105 Spring Street, Suite E**  
**301.565.0781**  
**[www.houseofsavori.com](http://www.houseofsavori.com)**  
**[info@houseofsavori.com](mailto:info@houseofsavori.com)**

The House of Savori features work by a self-taught artist from Ghana. Savori originally came to DC to study architecture, but after watching a friend paint in 1997, he was overwhelmed with the need to try it himself.

Savori is concerned with his art being enjoyed by the people around him; he finds fulfillment and joy in sharing his vision. His charcoal and oil works reflect African family life and jazz players through abstract lines. Recently he returned to Ghana to study with master craftsmen and learned to carve traditional wood sculptures.

Twice a year, the studio and gallery offer open house events. Workshops and tours are available by appointment.

## landSculpture Gardens



**open by appointment**  
**Sam Noto, artist**  
**417 Hillmoor Drive**  
**301.593.8546**  
**[www.samnoto.com](http://www.samnoto.com)**  
**[samnoto@aol.com](mailto:samnoto@aol.com)**

landSculpture Gardens is a showplace for intimate and contemplative garden sculpture, as well as a test site for new products and sculptural-aging problems. The effects of weather on paints, metals, finishes, and stones are monitored year round. The Gardens' goal is to provide low cost, low maintenance, and one-of-a-kind garden features by artist Sam Noto. Custom, site-specific pieces can be designed on request. landSculpture Gardens provides delivery and installation.

Mr. Noto is also available for lectures to local garden groups about contemplative garden design followed by personal tours of the garden. He has lectured at Behnke's Nursery on the nature, purpose, and design of personal garden spaces. He is an associate professor at Montgomery College.

**Kevin MacDonald**

**open by appointment**  
**Kevin MacDonald, artist**  
**722 Sligo Avenue**  
**301.587.9021**



His nominally realistic paintings of unpeopled environments have a stark, often Hopperesque quality. They cannot, however, be identified with any style. They are innovative, often utilizing poetry, other cultural backgrounds, and the environment around him for inspiration.

A native of Washington, DC, MacDonald studied at the Corcoran School of Art and received his BFA from George Washington University. After a ten-year stint working at the Phillips Collection, he is now devoted full-time to creating works of art. MacDonald's work is in the collections of the Corcoran, the Phillips, the Hirshhorn Museum, the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the Baltimore Museum of Art, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY, as well as numerous private and corporate collections. He was previously on the boards of the Directors of Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts and the Washington Project for the Arts. He was a panelist for the Maryland State Arts Council. MacDonald received a merit grant from the Franz and Virginia Baker Foundation in 2002.

Studio tours available by appointment only.

**Bill Moore**

**open by appointment**  
**105 Sunnyside Road**  
**301.213.0243**  
**www.mooresculpture.com**  
**mooresculpture@comcast.net**



Visitors who are afraid of insects might have a hard time at Bill Moore's studio. The first of the two series of large, bronze sculptures that Bill Moore created portrays the beauty of insects with emphasis on their weapon-like horns and jaws. His goal is to reveal the hidden beauty of insects, including such creatures as beetles and grasshoppers. Creating these insects in large-scale bronzes emphasizes their mechanical functions and dramatizes their unique features. Bill is well-known for his superior craftsmanship and iridescent patinas that highlight the luster of the metallic colors of the insects' bodies and wings. The second series portrays the beauty of reconstructed fossil fragments of ancient fish and insects.

Visits to the studio are welcomed by appointment.



**Judy Sutton Moore**

**open by appointment**  
**105 Sunnyside Road**  
**301.213.0243**  
**[www.mooresculpture.com](http://www.mooresculpture.com)**  
**[mooresculpture@comcast.net](mailto:mooresculpture@comcast.net)**

Judy Sutton Moore's enormous stainless steel and resin sculpture entitled "The Windows on Arts Alley" was recently unveiled in South Silver Spring. The Public Arts Trust of the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County selected her public art design out of countless applicants. Although "Windows" is her first public art piece in Silver Spring, Judy Sutton Moore exhibits both nationally and internationally. Her public art work is owned by cities, universities, corporations, and museums as far away as California, Argentina, and Australia. Judy has gained recognition as the creator of large-scale, three-dimensional work, including the design, fabrication, and installation of site-specific sculpture. Each of her public works is unique because she does not follow a strict style but follows the concept of site specificity and project purpose. Running parallel to her public work is a body of private work. These works are usually done in series and explore personal design interest, forms, and subject matter. At her studio visitors can see stainless steel and bronze sculpture as well as models for the large-scale, printed works.

Studio open by appointment only.

**John Jayson Sonnier**

**open by appointment**  
**9411 Hale Place**  
**301.565.2574**  
**[www.johnsonniersculptor.com](http://www.johnsonniersculptor.com)**

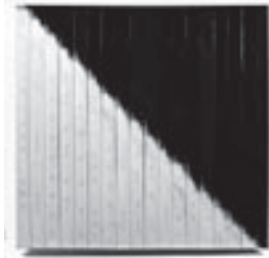


John Jayson Sonnier's studio inspires you to do something extra special with your garden. A garden designer for over twenty years, he has created many private and public gardens. It is through his association with plants that he draws inspiration for his sculpture. Several years ago, while restoring an 18th century French garden at Hillwood Museum and Gardens in Washington, DC, he worked closely with master sculptor Constantine Seferlis on the recreation of a marble fountain. Constantine began to teach him privately at his studio. Since then, John has worked closely with Constantine on many commissioned projects and has become a devoted student and teacher of stone carving. John's sculptures range from classical to contemporary, often blending these styles to create unique designs.

Studio tours are available by appointment only.



## Hillary Steel



**open by appointment**  
**301.587.8373**  
**sharon1502@att.net**

A handweaver with over twenty years experience, Hillary Steel combines traditional resist dyeing methods with complex woven structures to create unique textiles for the wall. The scale of her art varies. She produces work suitable for large public areas as well as small pieces designed for more private and intimate settings.

Also available at the studio are one of a kind wool and silk scarves for men and women. These make great longwearing gifts either for family or friends. Each scarf is handwoven with fine fibers and is exceptionally warm. Easy to care for, these textiles can be washed by hand or dry cleaned.

Additionally, Hillary Steel is an educator. She has worked with students extensively in our area, teaching them about the history of the textile arts and human culture. Working with our local and state arts and humanities councils, she has conducted numerous artist in residencies in Maryland schools since 1996.

Call or e-mail with inquiries about studio visits, open studio days, weaving lessons, lectures, or commissioned work. Studio tours are available by appointment only.

## Janet Wheeler Studios



**open by appointment**  
**10029 Reddick Drive**  
**301.593.0308**

Janet Wheeler constructs two- and three-dimensional wall reliefs in her home studio using found objects, painted papers, and pieces of wood.

Visit the artist's studio to see her collaged constructions of iconic, totemic, and ceremonial objects influenced by ancient Native American cultures.

By appointment only.

## NEED MORE CHOICES?

**Check out these other arts related groups in Silver Spring:**

**American Music Therapy Association, Inc.**

301.589.3300  
[www.musictherapy.org](http://www.musictherapy.org)

**Big Band Society - Washington Metro Area**

301.598.0831

**Briggs Chaney Dance Center**

301.431.4224  
[www.cmdance.com](http://www.cmdance.com)

**Clancy Works Dance Company**

301.593.6079

**Colesville Playhouse**

410.772.8602

**Connecting Cultures, Inc.**

301.428.9702

**Doug Hamby Dance**

301.587.5937

**Festival Chorale Arts Society**

301.924.0130

**Fish Middleton Jazz Scholarship Fund, Inc.**

301.933.1822  
[www.eastcoastjazz.com](http://www.eastcoastjazz.com)

**Folk Alliance**

301.588.8185

**Fraternidad Cultural Pachamama**

301.681.6583  
[www.pachamama.us](http://www.pachamama.us)

**Friends of Oakley Cabin and the Underground**

301.563.3405  
[www.montgomeryparksfnd.org](http://www.montgomeryparksfnd.org)

**Jazz Karma**

301.933.4346

**Korean Concert Society, Ltd.**

301.588.2445  
[koreanconcertsociety.org](http://koreanconcertsociety.org)

**Maryland Harmony Sweet Adelines**

301.585.2422

**Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Company B**

301.942.3964  
[www.54thmass.org](http://www.54thmass.org)

## NEED MORE CHOICES?

**Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission**

301.563.3400  
[www.mc-mncpps.org](http://www.mc-mncpps.org)

**National Capital Trolley Museum**

301.384.6352  
[www.dctrolley.org](http://www.dctrolley.org)

**Poetry Slam Academy**

301.598.5887

**Radio Historic Society, Inc.**

301.649.3722

**Rossmoor Art Guild**

301.598.8433

**Save Our Seminary at Forest Glen**

301.495.9079  
[www.saveourseminary.org](http://www.saveourseminary.org)

**Silver Strings Quintet**

301.649.1136

**Society of Kunqu Arts, Inc.**

301.767.1126  
[www.kunqu.org](http://www.kunqu.org)

**Washington Toho Koto Society**

301.434.4487  
[www.kotosociety.org](http://www.kotosociety.org)



## Performing Artists

### **Clancyworks Dance Co.**

301.593.6079

### **Dawne Tance Polish Folk Dance**

301.963.0552

### **Dinorock Productions**

301.588.7525

[www.classactsarts.org](http://www.classactsarts.org)

### **Firefly Shadow Theatre**

301.585.5510

### **Interact Story Theatre**

301.879.9305

[www.interactstory.com](http://www.interactstory.com)

### **Masterworks Chorus & Orchestra**

301.840.0008



### **Miss Betty's Colonial Trunk**

301.384.1937

### **Polyhymnia**

301.565.0314

### **Shizumi Dance Theater**

301.588.7525

[www.classactsarts.org](http://www.classactsarts.org)

### **StoryTeller**

John Spellman

301.585.5784



## Performing Artists

### **Sutradhar Dance Institute**

301.593.2664

[www.erols.com/devi](http://www.erols.com/devi)

### **Silver City Dance**

301.625.0281

### **Silver Strings Quartet**

301.649.1136

### **Tony Powell Music & Movement**

301.578.4062

[www.dancedc.com/tonypowell](http://www.dancedc.com/tonypowell)

### **Unidentified Flying Opera Company**

301.593.7075

[www.ufoco.org](http://www.ufoco.org)

### **Washington Toho Koto Society**

301.434.4487

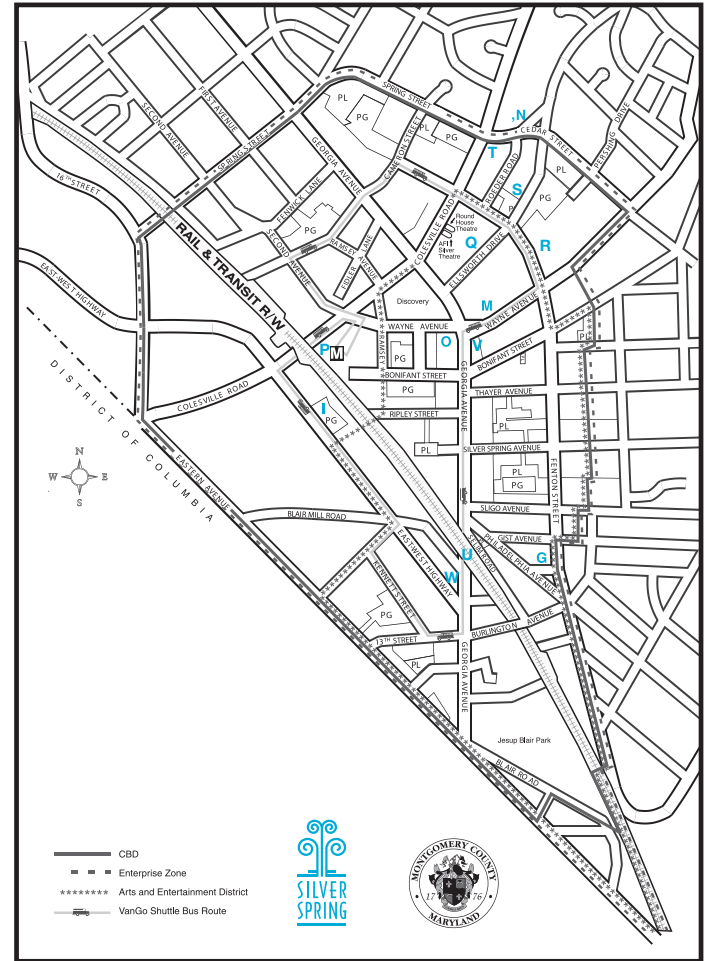
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# Map of Public Art in Silver Spring

- A – Acorn Park
- B – Alba Rosa
- C – The Alexander House
- D – The Blairs
- E – Brush Strokes
- F – Coastline
- G – Criss Cross
- H – Forest Glen Pedestrian Bridge
- I – The Hand
- J – Jesup Blair
- K – Lion And The Mouse
- L – The Mayor
- M – Now and Then
- N – Old Tavern Mural
- O – Park Bench and the Bicyclist
- P – Penguin Rush Hour
- Q – Silver Plaza
- R – Silver Spring: A Celebration of Life
- S – Synchronicity
- T – The Three Suns
- U – The Underpass
- V – Wayne Avenue Pocket Park
- W – The Windows On Arts Alley

## Silver Spring Public Art



*“Art washes  
from the soul  
the dust of  
everyday life.”*

-Pablo Picasso

